

May is National Foster Parent Month

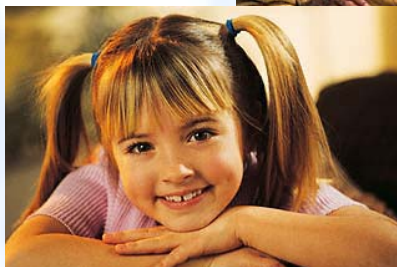
WE NEED YOU!



San Bernardino County Department of Children's Services would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Resource Families (foster, kinship and adoptive families) who provide family foster care. Family foster care is aimed at preserving the original family unit and allowing the maximum opportunity for the child to return to their family. You, as resource parents, become reunification partners supporting and maintaining the child's connection to their birth family. You also support our children by helping them stay together in their neighborhoods. We value families who nurture children and their birth parents. As resource families you provide children with a safe and stable home.

Some ways to Bridge the Gap:

- ♥ Exchange letters and pictures
- ♥ Talk with the child's parents
- ♥ Attend Icebreakers (initial meetings between the parents and you)
- ♥ Attend ongoing meetings with the parents to share information about the child
- ♥ Dress the child up for visits
- ♥ Invite the parents to appointments
- ♥ Share copies of homework and report cards or drawings with the parents
- ♥ Host sibling visits
- ♥ Request cultural information
- ♥ Provide transportation



Enjoy your month!

The Department of Children's Services